

PROCLAMATION YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK

APRIL 23-29, 2006

WHEREAS, the widespread abuse of alcohol and drugs has created economic and social problems resulting in the destruction of family relationships and costs to the public; and

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse awareness and education is needed to inform young people and opinion-makers about the dangers of such abuse; and

WHEREAS, civic, educational and social organizations across the state are working to keep our youth drug and alcohol free through education programs and information campaigns designed to promote abstinence; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is partnering with schools, churches and libraries in the state to provide materials and activities to educate our youth on the benefits of a drug- and alcohol-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, our youth are our greatest resource, and by keeping them drug and alcohol free, we are guiding them toward a future of hope and opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 23-29, 2006, **YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State